(c) Because of the strategic reasons and for a growing economy, the requirement of the land for Defence, Railway and Highways purposes is ever increasing and this requirement can not be frozen.

Transfer of Income Tax Officials

2617. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Income Tax officers, who exposed bribery case in which liquor manufacturers of U.P. allegedly paid over Rs. 300 crores to top politicians and bureaucrats, have been shunted out to small towns and non-descript hostings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The following officers of the Investigation Wing of the Income Tax Department in Delhi were associated in the searches undertaken in the case of the U.P. Distilleries Association:

(i)Sh. P.K. Kedia, DIT(lnv)
(ii) Sh. P.S. Tomar, Addl. DIT (Inv.)
(iii) Sh. Shravan Kumar Gotru, DDIT (Inv.)

These officers transferred out of their respective charges in accordance with the Transfer Policy applicable to all IRS officers. These transfers were carried out in the routine course as per policy guidelines laid down by the Board and has nothing to do with any work that they may have done in U.P. or elsewhere.

Sick units registered with BIFR

2618. SHRI CHITTABRATAMAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick private sector units registered with BIFR;

(b) the amount of bank money locked up in the above units; and

(c) the break-up of the above units along with their revival status sector-wise?